



"A State of Mind"

Lisa Sulka
Mayor of Bluffton, South Carolina

Lisa Sulka is the Mayor of Bluffton, South Carolina. Elected as Mayor in 2007, Sulka was the first woman to hold this office. She has led the Town of Bluffton through its phase of explosive, yet focused growth as it became the state's fastest growing municipality and the state's fifth largest town in land-mass thanks to multiple annexations and the attraction of its high quality of life.

Sulka started her public service as a Town councilmember. She served in that capacity from 2004 to 2007. She hasn't stopped promoting the Town since then, for she not only is the Mayor, Sulka is one of the Town's most active ambassadors.

Sulka was instrumental in campaigning for Bluffton to be the site of Clemson's first Technology Village. Bluffton was the first non-metropolitan area to establish a business incubator through the Clemson program. The incubator, The Don Ryan Center for Innovation, was established in 2012; a year before any other town established a similar organization. To date, Sulka is the Chairman of the Board for Bluffton's innovation center.

Born and raised in Prosperity, a small town outside of Columbia, South Carolina, Sulka has called the Lowcountry home for more than 30 years. In her profession, Sulka works for Carson Realty, a full-service real estate firm in Bluffton.

Sulka is leading the future vision for the Town. That vision retains the Town's small-town culture as it adds a progressive business strategy. With a business-friendly environment, the mission is to attract more primary jobs to the area as the region diversifies its economy.

Sulka is involved with many boards and commissions including a Board membership with the South Carolina Association of Mayors. The Mayor is also actively involved with the Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton, Bluffton High School Athletics and Clemson University's Booster Club.

Sulka graduated from Clemson University. She and her husband, John, have three grown children.